

Georgia began celebrations of International Year of Biodiversity in January with issuing of calendar for 2010, with logo of IYB. (*attached*)

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of May big event for celebration of Year of Biodiversity and Day of Biodiversity was held in whole Georgia, but main celebration was in Tbilisi: Day begun with campaign "Hour of Garden Birds" and more than 350 schools were involved in this campaign "Hour of Garden Birds" in whole Georgia. 2009 year was first time the campaign was carried out. Since then number of schools and pupils taking part increased twice. In the evening many theatrical and musical events dedicated to the International Day of Biodiversity were organized by the Ministry of Environment Protection and the German Technical Cooperation Society (GTZ) in Tbilisi Ethnographic Museum. There was a photo exhibition on biological diversity for the visitors of the Ethnographic Museum. 'Georgia is a very rich country in biodiversity. I am pleased that today Georgian people are celebrating the International Day of Biodiversity together with the world. I am surprised that involvement of people in this environmental action is so high. I would like to thank all the organizers', said Mr. Dieter Müller, expert of German Technical Cooperation. Kakha Bakuradze's Motion Theater held a carnival performance called 'Ochopintre'. Also, a performance of traditional Georgian martial arts 'Khidoli' was shown too. There was a special corner where children were taught to create flowers with color papers and the artists painted them on the faces of people visited Ethnographic Museum. Celebrating the International Day of Biodiversity in the Ethnographic Museum finished with a concert of musical group 'Mgzavrebi' and fire show. 'Our country is unique. Our environment, our biodiversity is something that we can be really proud of. We do not have a right not to celebrate such an important day, especially when we have such good foreign partner companies. Environment is in fashion and it should be strengthened,' declared Mr. Goga Khachidze. (*see photos attached*)

Second event dedicated to the IYB Tbilisi Paragliding Festival was held on 26-27<sup>th</sup> of June. Minister of the Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia Mr. George Khachidze took part in the festival which was held with support of GTZ. (*see photos attached*)

Green March was held in Batumi, sea resort city of Georgia. Head of Autonomous Republic of Adjara Mr. Levan Varshalomidze, Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia Mr. George Khachidze and participated in the event. During the event exhibition on theme of Biodiversity and protected areas of Georgia was held. (*Photos will be provided later*)

All the publications regarding biodiversity and other materials in 2010 were created with logo of IYB and dedicated to the IYB. (*some of them are attached*). The last activity within the frame of IYB was creation of animated film for children which could be seen on the facebook site of Biodiversity Protection Service: <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=145349245513240&comments&ref=mf>